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Authorities prepare for Spring Break masses

By Blanca Esther Gomez
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

Authorities in Brownsville and Matamoros are urging students to obey the law while spending Spring Break here and in Mexico.

The Brownsville Police Department, the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Matamoros police will work together during Spring Break to enforce the law.

"The students will have to be responsible for their acts," said Eddie Garcia, public information officer for the Police Department.

Even though the department will not install a checkpoint near the international bridges, it will keep in contact with federal agencies, he said.

"Before [students] go to Mexico, they should assign a person who should drive and doesn't drink alcoholic beverages in order to come back safely," Garcia said.

U.S. Customs Service Chief Inspector Ernesto Tijerina said, "We can call the city police if [students] are drunk."

Tijerina said students should know that possessing illegal drugs in any amount may result in serious fines, seizure of their vehicle and even imprisonment.

All articles acquired in Mexico must be declared; there is a \$400 exemption for gifts and personal articles.

Students may not bring back to the United States steroids, switchblades, or items made from endangered species such as sea turtles, crocodiles and elephants.

"There will be informational fliers distributed in hotels and through the Chamber of Commerce," Tijerina said.

Guadalupe Garza Ruedas, Matamoros City Commissioner No. 8 and a member of that city's Public Security Commission, said Mexican police will not arrest drunk Spring Breakers.

"We are going to take them to the bridge in order to protect them," Garza Ruedas said.

In addition, English-speaking officers on horseback and on foot will be assigned to help Spring Breakers, he said.

Those who commit more serious crimes could be arrested. If a Spring Breaker is arrested in Matamoros, he or she should call the U.S. Consulate at 12-44-02.

Arturo Moreno, public affairs director for the INS, said students who are not U.S. citizens must present a valid passport, F-1 visa and I-94 and I-20 forms to come back to the United States. Resident aliens must have their documentation with them at all times.

Moreno warned that falsely claiming U.S. citizenship is a criminal offense and violators will be prosecuted.

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Ballet Folklorico Tzatlil performs at the Mr. Amigo 1997 reception (see page 10).

SGA votes to remove its advisers

By Ginger James
Collegian Editor

Student Government Association members unanimously decided to oust their current advisers during their regular meeting last Wednesday.

Joel Tovar, president of the SGA, said the advisers, Coordinator of Student Activities Dina Sosa-Hegarty and professor of social sciences Ron Lane, weren't working out for them.

"They [the advisers] are just too busy with their other responsibilities to give us the help we need," Tovar said. "We have big things planned, and we need someone who can be there for us."

The decision to remove their advisers came after a half-hour discussion about the advisers' involvement in SGA, according to the minutes of the meeting. This item was added to the agenda during the meeting by Tovar, the minutes stated.

The SGA cannot remove its advisers on its own, they can only recommend their removal to Vice President for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas. Tovar said they already have begun this process.

"We sent the memo to Rivas already," he said.

"It takes steps. Now we are waiting for word from her."

Sosa-Hegarty was surprised to hear the news.

"I had no idea ... last time I was with them, we were celebrating the student center referendum victory," she said.

Sosa-Hegarty feels she is a dedicated sponsor, and noted that they had just finished working on the student center referendum project not yet three weeks ago.

"It was a lot of work [preparing for the student center referendum] ... but I took responsibility in my positions of adviser and election monitor to make sure it was what student government wanted it to be," she said.

Tovar said at the present time, SGA members do not know who they want for advisers for sure, but "a name has been brought up, but we haven't spoken to him about it." Since the prospective adviser hasn't been asked yet, Tovar doesn't want to release his name.

The next SGA meeting will be at 1 p.m. March 18 in the Gorgas Board Room.

On Campus

English prof dies of cancer

A memorial service was held Feb. 16 at the Sheraton Fiesta on South Padre Island for longtime faculty member Carol Lynn Diehl.

Diehl, 54, died Feb. 13 at her residence after a three-year battle with cancer, according to a news release from the Office of News and Information.

A native of Denver, Diehl earned a bachelor's degree in English education and a master's in English from the University of Wyoming. She began teaching English at Texas Southmost College in 1988, and was promoted to

assistant professor in 1992.

Diehl is survived by three sons, Douglas, Anthony and David; a daughter, Kristine Baty; her parents, June and Vivian Hopkins; two brothers, John and Ted Hopkins, and four granddaughters.

Donations may be made to the Carol Diehl Memorial Scholarship to honor her personal and professional interests in writing and women's studies. Contributions can be sent to the UTB/TSC Office of Institutional Advancement, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

Briefs

A student trip to Russia, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, France and Britain is planned for the second summer session of 1998. The cost is \$2,977 per person under the age of 25 and \$3,352 for those 25 and older. The cost covers round-trip airfare from Harrington, all hotels, two meals a day, land transportation, professional tour guide, and entry to the sites. Contact Milo Kearney in South Hall 305, or call 546-7260 or 982-0218, by mid-March.

Gergas Science Society meets at 1 p.m. Fridays in Bidman 217

The Collegian Press Club will meet at 3 p.m. Friday in the Student Publications office, located in the Student Center.

Alliance Francaise will meet at 7 p.m. March 20 in South Hall 122. The first half of the film "Les Miserables," starring Jean Paul Belmondo, will be shown. The film has French dialogue and English subtitles. Admission is free. For more information, call Milo Kearney at 982-0218.

Scorpion Young Democrats meet at noon every Thursday in the Leadership Exchange Room, located in the Student Center. For more information, contact Lety Diaz at (956) 778-3840.

The Soccer Club meets at noon every Friday in the Quiet Study room, located in the Student Center. For more information, contact Manny Cruz at 544-8224.

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On Campus

Former Scorpion coach Alvarez dead at 51

Services were held Feb. 21 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Brownsville for former UTB/TSC Athletic Director and baseball coach Arné Alvarez.

Alvarez, 51, died at home Feb. 18. He coached the Scorpion baseball team and served as athletic director and baseball coach from 1983 to 1996, according to a news release from the UTB/TSC Office of News and Information. In 1997, he stepped down as director and coach and joined the Westlaco High School Panthers as head coach.

Before coming to UTB/TSC, Alvarez was a successful high school coach from 1973 to 1985. His 1974 Mercedes team advanced to the Class 3A State Championship game. He also coached baseball at Porter High School, where he won district championships in 1983 and 1984.

He was also a member of the 1965 Brownsville High School baseball team that advanced to the Class 4A State Championship Game. He played collegiate baseball at Pan American University from 1966 to 1970, and was captain of the 1970 team. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Pan American.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Alvarez; his son, Frank Alvarez; and his daughter, Amanda Jo Alvarez. Memorial contributions may be made to the UTB/TSC Office of Institutional Advancement, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

Former student killed after robbery

By Elizabeth Trevino
Special to The Collegian

Today is Thursday. Today is a bad day to die because tomorrow is Friday then they have to bury you on a Sunday, and everything is closed on a Sunday, so nobody can buy you anything for the funeral. So that is why I am going to die on Monday. Why I am going to die on Monday? Because the day after Monday is Tuesday, and everyone can buy you something on Tuesday or Wednesday."

—Mark Anthony Garcia

Mark Anthony Garcia, a former

UTB/TSC student, wrote this on June 30, 1994. His prophecy was fulfilled. He was killed Jan. 26—a Monday—when struck by a vehicle on U.S. Highway 77/83 near Harlingen.

At the time of the fatal accident, the 23-year-old was employed by a video store near Harlingen. Police said the store was robbed by unidentified gunmen a few minutes before Garcia was killed. An undetermined amount of money was taken from the store's cash register by the intruders, police said.

Garcia ran out of the store, apparently to get help, police reported, and was killed when struck by a vehicle going north on the highway.

Law enforcement officers have

reported no new developments in the case.

Garcia, who attended UTB/TSC in Fall 1994, was described by instructors as a dependable student with a friendly attitude and a keen sense of humor.

Former classmates are placing a book in the UTB/TSC library in memory of Garcia.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Garcia; two brothers, Manuel and Michael, and his fiancée, Diana Gordillo.

Garcia, who was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, was buried in the nearby Buena Vista Burial Park on Feb. 3.

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cer also are crimes.

"Some young students joke with officers, but this could be dangerous," Moreno said.

Many students like to take advantage of the lower prices of alcoholic beverages in Mexico and buy bottles to bring home. But a person must be 21 to bring any alcoholic beverage into the United States, and only one liter of liquor and one case of beer may be imported per person each 30 days, according to a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission information

flies. The flier also noted that a person must be 18 or older to bring back a carton of cigarettes.

Showing a false or altered ID to try and cross with alcoholic beverages will result in seizure of the document and prosecution, the flier added.

The U.S. Agriculture Department says the majority of Mexican fruits are prohibited in the United States. Fines of \$50 to \$100 may result if a person fails to declare agricultural items. The USDA provides a list of produce that can be brought to the United States.

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Viewpoint

Editorial

Take responsibility this Break

It's that time of year again, when thousands of college students converge on our South Padre Island for some fun in the sun. Coincidentally, it's also time to pick the people who will run for local offices in the fall. Although these two topics seem to be on opposite ends of the spectrum, they are related in a very important way: the necessity for us to take responsibility.

Spring Break on the island and drunken driving seem to go hand-in-hand for many college students. It is especially dangerous for Valleyites because they are driving home at 2 in the morning from the island, instead of just catching the Wave to their hotels.

Students must take initiative and drink responsibly this Spring Break. Designate drivers. To the designated drivers: even though you guys are smart, there are still a bunch of drunken idiots on the Causeway at 2 in the morning, so drive carefully.

Just about in the middle of our Spring Break are the Democratic and Republican primary elections, on March 10.

These are probably the most important elections you can vote in on the local level, since many of these positions run uncontested in the final election.

These are the people that will be in charge of making laws, rendering court decisions, and keeping official records.

Politicians pay attention to the issues of people who vote. The only way the issues of students will be addressed is if students go and vote.

So wherever you are this Spring Break, don't forget to party responsibly. You owe to yourself and to your friends. Also, do not shirk the responsibility to vote. It also will determine your future.

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When Booty Calls, and other 'issues'

By Benjamin Carp
Sue Herald

An acquaintance of mine went to visit her ex-boyfriend in Baltimore last weekend, ostensibly to talk about the nature of their friendship. They agreed to "just be friends," but now she had a problem: she and her ex were stretching the definition of friendship to include hooking up every time they saw each other.

"Ah, so the true purpose of your visit to Baltimore is a Booty Call," I said, beaming with pride. I'd just learned this term from a freshman. (They've been on the outside world more recently, so they know all the current lingo).

A Booty Call, according to my source, is one made

between two people who supposedly have no emotional attachment—other than friendship, of course. Without any need for formalities (dinner, meeting parents, dealing with neuroses, etc.) they promptly get together, get down, and get it on.

So the problem, my friend said, "is that he wants to make this more permanent to have a friendship with privileges."

My friend's ex is thinking in Poli Sci terms. He wants the right to "peaceably assemble" and the writ of "habeas corpus" (Latin for "you have the body") without the commitment of a relationship.

"That's what makes a Booty Call such a sweet deal," another friend of mine said.

"Hooking up, after all," is a bodily function like any other. It's messy, it's embarrassing to discuss in mixed company, but biology compels it, and it's fun."

So what good is a relationship?" she continued. "All that emotional excess. It's the '90s, and I have enough angst on my mind without having to deal with someone else's issues."

Which brings us to another word popping up in everyone's vocabulary that, oddly enough, sheds another troubled light on Booty Call.

We say "issues" nowadays because nobody has a "problem." In the Care Bear, politically correct '90s, no one is brave enough to say someone has a problem. Who are we, as

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On Campus

Youthbuild sets foundation for future

By Rick Holden
Staff Writer

Twenty-one students recently celebrated their completion of the first stage for the Youthbuild Brownsville Program, setting the foundation for a brighter future.

The students, who are young adults from the community, completed their training in tool safety, blueprint reading, and construction skills on Feb. 20. A graduation ceremony was held in the SET-B Q building.

Throughout the year, the students will be engaged in affordable-housing construction in the Cameron Park colonia and the Windwood subdivision, according to a program news release. At the same time, they will take continuing education courses in preparing for a GED or

college preparatory classes at the Brownsville Adult Literacy Center.

The program was started and is funded by U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department. HUD has awarded more than \$1.5 million over the last four years to plan and implement student training, as well as to cover the cost of community projects.

The Youthbuild Brownsville Program, 1235 E. Jefferson, has been in partnership with UTB since the beginning of the program in Spring 1996. The Youthbuild Grant provides the tuition for the students' education in building trades and an introduction to construction. Classes are held on campus.

The project is threefold in its design. It provides economically disadvantaged young adults (18 to 24 years

old) with opportunities to obtain education, employment skills and on-site work experience as a service to their communities and a means to achieve self-sufficiency; fosters the development of leadership skills and commitment to community; and expands the supply of permanent affordable housing for the homeless and low-income people.

"The partnership that we have with the university is an added plus to a program like this, because it certainly opens new doors of education and opportunities for these students," said Greg Flores, director of the Youthbuild Brownsville Program office.

Also working with the Brownsville Adult Literacy Center and Cameron County Works Inc., Youthbuild Brownsville began its first program cycle with 43 partic-

ipants in Spring 1995. Last spring, 34 participants began the second cycle. Recently, the second cycle was extended to include 22 new students for a total of 56 participants. Of those 22 students, 21 completed the initial training to go on to other continuing education programs and employment in construction.

In the first two years of the program, a total of 17 rehabilitated and newly constructed affordable housing units have been completed. Sixteen students received their GED, 15 are in continuing education, and 24 have gained permanent employment.

The third year of the program, to begin this fall, will allow 40 new participants. For more information about the program and/or an application packet, contact the Youthbuild Brownsville Program office at 548-2302.

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On Campus

TSC board swears in new trustee; Garcia gives lowdown on accreditation

By Melissa Cantu
Staff Writer

The Texas Southwest College Board of Trustees swore in Rosemary Breedlove as trustee and reviewed results from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at its meeting Feb. 18.

Breedlove, of Los Fresnos, will serve until board elections May 2, when she plans to run for Place 6, the two-year unexpired term. Also planning to run for Place 6 is Roy de los Santos, Jr., a UTB/TSC business major.

SACS, the official accrediting agency of colleges and universities in the southern United States, evaluated several different systems within the university, concentrating on educational programs, operations, and the effectiveness of the institution in accomplishing its goals.

The 16-person visiting team gave UTB/TSC an A and recognized it as one institution.

UTB/TSC President Jafet Garcia said the grade was earned due to all the hard work the university has achieved.

"Of the 566 criteria the committee evaluated, UTB/TSC met 529... that's 93.5 percent," Garcia said.

In other business, Garcia proposed that the board consider possible renovations to the Jacob Brown Auditorium now that it has become a university entity.

Renovations would include a new fountain, underground electrical wiring, landscaping and architectural design similar to UTB/TSC.

The next board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. March 26, at Gorgas Hall.

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post-modernists, to say that Joe Blow's extremely strange and/or weird behavior is a problem? It would be crude.

Hence, he has "issues." When someone tells us so, while smugly and then, without any specific knowledge, opt to ignore Joe's issues or avoid Joe himself.

In our cowardice, we avoid talking about people's problems and exposing our own.

Instead, we gloss over them with the seemingly innocuous word "issues," which allows us shelter from life's unpleasantness. We covet the privilege of a hookup, but desperately seek to avoid deep emotional commitment [After all, that would involve dealing with "issues"]. As a consequence, we miss some of the finer things in life.

We have cheapened rela-

tionships and friendships. Yes, one can say: "So what? Others will come later. College is time to have fun." But what will you do when it's time to start those deeper relationships and deal with real "issues"?

If we're not careful now, we may all end up as soulless, uncaring egomaniacs who are great in the sack, but slow to call the next morning.

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On Campus

Universities uncertain of study-abroad safety

College Press Service

When gunmen raped and robbed 16 college students and school officials from St. Mary's College in Maryland who were on an archeological

tour of Guatemala, some educators back in the states promptly canceled their plans to back similar study trips to the Central American country. Spring Arbor College in

Michigan ordered 18 of its students and faculty members, also in Guatemala at the time of the attack, to return home immediately, cutting short their trip by two days.

Administrators at Michigan State University, which sent 22 students to the area last month, weren't planning to send another group until December. They've already

canceled those plans.

The attack of Jan. 16 raises questions of liability. Courts already have ruled that col-

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Grant to boost campus police force

By Melissa Canto

Staff Writer

UTB/TSC has been awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$100,436 that will make three trained officers available for community oriented policing services.

The grant will provide up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits of each officer for up to three years. The university will cover the remaining 25 percent.

Chief of Police and Safety John Cardoza said the additional officers are needed to police the increase in students and university facilities. His officers are having to work overtime.


There's a lot of added responsibility that comes with more students," Cardoza said. "At the Science and Engineering Technology Building, events are always taking place. If you open one door, everyone has access."

"We have to double up in shifts for Spring Break coming up," Cardoza said. "Sometimes people want to take home a souvenir."

Because the grant covers only salaries, UTB/TSC will have to pay to have the cadets trained at the UT Police Academy in Austin.

Cardoza said if the Department of Public Safety provides housing, it would cost only \$500 per cadet for the four- to five-month training program. If housing has to be found elsewhere, it would cost \$75 per day per cadet, including \$25 a day per cadet for meals.

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On Campus

'Study Abroad' Continued from Page 8

largely responsible for some injuries happening on campus, but whether the same is true for studies abroad isn't clear.

"We're always scared that if there were one terrorist incident in Rome, what could happen to us there, despite our liability insurance protection," said Rose Hayden, a board member of American University in Rome, according to news reports. "It sends a cold shiver down the backbones of anyone sending Americans anywhere."

Such uncertainty comes at a time when more American students are studying abroad than ever—and venturing into more diverse territories. The number of students in Latin America in 1996 jumped 18 percent to 13,726 over the previous year; Africa by 10 percent to 2,027; and in Asia by 5 percent to 5,699.

The uncertainty also comes at a time when the State Department is advising Americans worldwide "to exercise greater than usual caution" when traveling. Experts suggest tips ranging from avoiding loud talk to staying out of dark areas at night. They also say travelers should follow current events.

Travel safety tips and a list of destinations where the State Department discourages travel can be found at <http://www.state.gov>.

Recent events suggest there's a growing threat of anti-U.S. violence—Saddam Hussein's angry intermittent changes with American leaders, the November murders of four Americans visiting Pakistan, targeted, their killers later said, in retaliation for the conviction of a Pakistani man who had killed two CIA workers; last year's conviction for the bombing of the World Trade Center.

The recent attack wasn't the first inkling of danger in Guatemala. The U.S. Embassy there has reported an increased number of kidnappings, rapes, shootings and violent assaults involving American tourists. In July, the State Department reported that a public bus was hijacked during daylight hours; all 20 passengers robbed at gunpoint. Gang members raped five.

The student group from St. Mary's was aware of these incidents and had been counseled about safety concerns before the trip. Nonetheless, college officials did not

believe students were at great risk, noting a lack of travel restrictions issued by the State Department at the time.

Michael Conn, like most students abroad, told the Associated Press he's bound for Western Europe. France is the "safest place" to study French, he said.

"I think people might say at first that America would be cool, and then they say, 'This place might have an unstable government, and I don't want to be in that area if it blows up,'" he added.

Conn also said he's been encouraging his girlfriend to study Spanish in Spain instead of Central America, so she'll have a better chance of avoiding incidents like the attack in Guatemala.

"She's pretty definitely going to Spain, and she's looking for one more deciding factor," he said. "I think she may have found it."

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From left to right:

• Mr. Amigo 1997 Alberto Vasquez.

• Virginia Carmona (right) and Elda Villarreal perform with the Mariachi de UTB/TSC.

Vasquez turns on the charm

By Chris Plata
Staff Writer

As Alberto Vasquez answers reporters' questions on a bus outside the Student Center, an elderly woman approaches the vehicle with the help of her daughter and another woman.

Vasquez is informed, and without even thinking twice, he exits the bus and walks toward her.

The Mexican singer and film star cradles the woman's face with his hands and talks to her. Vasquez and his wife then flank the woman so that pictures can be taken of them together.

Such is the charm of Vasquez, honored as Mr. Amigo 1997.

The tender scene brought to mind Vice President for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas' description earlier in the day of Vasquez as "a symbol of friendship and a good ambassador for our two countries."

Back on the bus, Vasquez is asked what motivates him. He replies that it is the love for his work.

"Because whatever you like or love to do, you have to fight for it. You have to fight in order to demonstrate to the people that what you are doing you know how to do it well. And, those that don't fight for what they love to do are dumb because what you love to do is what's going to come out right and better all your life," Vasquez said in Spanish.

Vasquez, who has starred in 34 films and recorded 108 albums, has this advice for students: "Everything you set out to achieve, achieve it with desire and dedication."

Have confidence in yourself and faith."

Mr. Amigo celebration big success

By Irma A. Pena
Staff Writer

People jammed the Student Center last week to greet Mexican celebrity Alberto Vasquez, Mr. Amigo 1997, with cheers and a standing ovation.

Olivia Rivas, vice president for Student Affairs, and Mary Rose Cardenas, chairwoman of the TSC Board of Trustees, led the hearty welcome Thursday for the singer and film star.

Rivas, who presented Vasquez with a plaque, said, "Here we speak two languages, English and Spanish. Here we celebrate our two cultures and the history of our ancestors, who are Mexican and American."

Cardenas said she was proud to welcome Vasquez, because Matamoros and Brownsville "are an example of the friendship between both nations."

"I am very glad to be here with you, the young people, [who are] the future," Vasquez told UTB/TSC students. He then

sang the romantic "Por un Amor."

Cristina Hernandez, a computer information systems major, said about the event, "This is very interesting, because little by little I'm learning more about my heritage. The audience is of unity and peace."

Veronica Chavez, an emergency medical technology student who has attended the last three campus receptions for Mr. Amigo, greeted Vasquez with gritos and shouted, "Papacito!"

Vasquez, who was born in Guaymas, Sonora, is famous for his Spanish covers of rock'n'roll songs during the 1960s and '70s.

He has recorded 108 albums and appeared in 34 movies with such co-stars as Fernando Soler, Marga Lopez, and Angelica Maria, who was Mr. Amigo 1996.

Vasquez is the 34th recipient of the Mr. Amigo Award. Each year, the Mr. Amigo Association recognizes an outstanding

Mexican citizen to honor during Brownsville's Charro Days/Mr. Amigo celebration. Nominees are selected for their contribution to international friendship and the development of mutual understanding and cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

The entertainment included Mexican singers Ramon Ayala Sr. and Jr.; Mariachi Gala de Mexico; Mariachi de UTB/TSC; Ballet Folklórico Tizatlan de UTB/TSC; and tenor Antonio Briseno, an assistant professor of Fine Arts. Also performing were singers Martha Salazar and Elda Villarreal, and children from the Raul J. Guerra Early Childhood Center, who danced "La Bamba" for Vasquez.

"It is important in these times, when we are a multicultural nation, to unite two cultures," said Leticia Cerna, a Spanish major. But amid the music of the mariachi, "we put aside the assimilation of the American culture and let our emotions take over us," she added.

Life Zone

What are you doing for Spring Break?



"Party ... drink, get a woman, no, many women ..."

--Jose Luis German, sophomore

"Go surfing to the island."

--Rosa Maria Yarritu, freshman

"Go visit family in San Antonio."

--Nelson Templeton, freshman



"Get a job."

--Michael Mendoza, freshman

"Stay at the island and never wake up."

--Peggy Perez, junior

"Nothing. Just sit there and do nothing."

"I am too tired to do anything."

--Abel Reyes Jr., sophomore

"Sleep in."

--Melinda Munoz, freshman

"Stay at the island and never come back."

--Vicki Montemayor, sophomore



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Arts & Entertainment



Anthony K. Knopp (left) and William L. Adams.

Book review

'Portrait of a Border City' engaging read for locals

For a unique look into Brownsville's history and history-in-the-making, "Portrait of a Border City: Brownsville Texas" is the book to pick up. Authors William L. Adams and Anthony K. Knopp, both professors of social science at UTB/TSC, cover Charro Days, the shrimp industry, *ropo sausas*, and just about every other significant aspect of Brownsville. Such broad subject matter could come across as stale; however, the combination of the authors' personal anecdotes with the lively written historical/informative sections provide the reader with a real flavor of Brownsville.

This book is written in such a way that just about anyone from anywhere will enjoy it, but Valleyites will especially treasure it for its "hey, I remember that!" quality. The authors really go for a "you are there" feel by not only recording events, but also names of people at the events. You may even read something about your uncle or your neighbor.

The section on Spring Break seems to break the flow of the book, focusing more on what the author wants rather than what is. Adams' anecdote on posing as a Brownsville homeless man to see what it was really like, however, more than makes up for it. Also noteworthy: the conversation with Lt. Ruben Rios of the Brownsville Police Department. It will give you a newfound respect for "Brownsville's finest." —Ginger James

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Arts & Entertainment

Film club's "Ay Carmela!" showing a big hit with students, community

WOW! Was that really the film club's second meeting? Surprisingly, the Movie Theater Club's second meeting was better than anybody expected. Although only about 10 people attended the first meeting, the second meeting on Feb. 20 attracted a full lecture hall of students, friends, family members, UTB/TSC staff and practically anyone who heard there was going to be a free premiere of "Ay Carmela!" (1990), directed by the Spanish filmmaker Carlos Saura. Just as the club promised in its flyer, the event turned out great, full of yuck-yucks, yet with much intensity.

"Ay Carmela!" is a film about three artists-performers caught in the threshold of the Spanish Civil War. Tested by abominable odds, they prove to even them out with their sly humor among those who have no hope. The tragic piece was presented by Lidia Diaz, professor of Modern Languages. She gave a brief historical background of the movie's setting and atmosphere.

Before and after the show, there were discussions about eventually providing 35-mm film to the club's audience and moving its headquarters to the SET-B lecture hall. Providing the viewers with a 35-mm projection set is going to take money. Perhaps the club can receive some help from the school itself. If not, the audience may have to start looking over a couple of dollars to see quality films never shown in Brownsville theaters. But for now, its program is to keep inviting people of all sorts to enjoy this fun privilege for absolutely free.

The Theater Club's next meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 20 at SET-B Q2336.—Ruben Beltran



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The UTB/TSC Photo Ensemble and Otto Caristi will perform at 8 p.m. March 20 in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free.

Tenor Antonio Briceño will perform at 8 p.m. March 21 in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free. Briceño, an assistant professor of Fine Arts, has performed in Mexico, Japan, Korea and Austria. He also has performed with the Shaw Festival Choir in Carnegie Hall and has sung the tenor solos for Handel's "Messiah" in Texas and New Mexico.

The UTB/TSC Campus Choir and Wind Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. March 24 in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free.

A student recital is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free.

Baritone Douglas Webster will perform at 8 p.m. March 28 in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free for UTB/TSC students, \$7 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under age 18. Webster made his debut as the Celebrant in Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" and won the 1995 Joy of Singing award.

An advanced student exhibition opens at 7:30 p.m. March 17 in the Richardson Art Gallery. Admission is free. The exhibit runs through April 3.

CD review

—“Never Grow Old”
The Maytals
Heartbeat/Rounder

—“Ball of Fire”
The Skatalites
Island Jamaica Jazz

Attention, all Sublime fans: Catching a ride on the third ska wave without being hip to godfathers like the Maytals and Skatalites is like worshipping Rancid without ever having heard Clash. Unless you wanna be known as a wannabe, you best give these discs a spin.

The common denominator for these two discs is the sprightly instrumental prowess of the Skatalites, Jamaica's premier studio outfit during the first half of the '60s. The Maytals, with Frederick “Toots” Hibbert up front, later would become one of the world's biggest reggae acts. But in the early '60s, when they recorded “Never Grow Old,” the Maytals were backed by the Skatalites and served up one of the landmark discs in ska history. From the feverish pitch and vocal acrobatics of the title track through the joyous bounce of “Sit and Seven Books of Moses,” the

Maytals revel in a sweet subtlety that too many of the current ska records fail to capture.

And on “Ball of Fire,” a new recording of classic ska instrumentals, the Skatalites show that they haven't lost a step in the ensuing years. The players get a chance to stretch on these sides, rolling off jazzy horn solos and guitar runs, but they never lose sight of the nimble and insinuating grooves. Top it off with a ska-heavy take on the “James Bond Theme,” and you've got one of the warmest, most likeable party discs to be released in years. —Keith Harrison

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1998 Scorpion Baseball Schedule



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March 8	*Laredo	Brownsville	11 a.m.
March 21	*Blinn	Blinn	Noon
March 22	*Blinn	Blinn	11 a.m.
March 28	*Galveston	Galveston	Noon
March 29	*Galveston	Galveston	11 a.m.
April 4	*Wharton	Brownsville	Noon
April 5	*Wharton	Brownsville	11 a.m.
April 9	*Alvin	Alvin	Noon
April 10	*Alvin	Alvin	11 a.m.
April 18	*San Jacinto	Brownsville	1 p.m.
April 19	*San Jacinto	Brownsville	11 a.m.
April 25	*Laredo	Laredo	Noon
April 26	*Laredo	Laredo	11 a.m.
May 9	*Blinn	Brownsville	Noon
May 10	*Blinn	Brownsville	11 a.m.

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In the Spotlight...

After being captain of the Lady Scorpions volleyball team that made it to the playoffs, what else is there for Penny Ortiz to do now that volleyball season is over? Plenty.

"I run every day," she said. "I run about three miles a day. I work out, and then we practice here [with the volleyball team]."

She's also a full-time student and has won an intramural pignon doubles-volleyball coach Brian Funk was her partner—pingpong and basketball free-throw shot. She also refereed in the intramural volleyball tournament.

But her playing sports since she was 6 was interrupted for a year.

"When I left for San Antonio my first year [of college], I slacked off. I didn't do anything. I didn't feel good about myself and when I came back is when I started [exercising again]," she said.

Just as she was able to get back into exercising, Ortiz thinks everybody should be

able to exercise.

"I think everybody has time. You make time. It's all up to you. You just got to discipline yourself," she said.

After coming back from San Antonio and making the volleyball team as a walk-on, even her eating habits changed.

"When I was up there, I didn't eat healthy ... but coach Funk ... stills that [eating healthy]," she said.

In her opinion, anyone could get to like sports or exercising.

"Some people are lazy in the beginning. After you start, it's like you want to do it," Ortiz said. "Like me, I run all of the time. People think I'm stupid, but it's something I want to do."

Ortiz has grown to like exercise so much that she remained active through the summer, playing soccer and softball.



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Scorpions swept again despite improvements

By Art Beltran
Managing Editor

With the flags flying at half-staff to honor the memory of former UTB/TSC coach Arnie Alvarez who died recently, the Scorpions were swept by Alvin Community College on Feb. 20-21 to lower their record to 1-8, 1-10 overall.

The Scorpions put up a good fight in the opening double-header on Feb. 20 but came up short, losing 5-2 in extra innings—and 4-2.

The first game saw a strong performance by Scorp pitcher Juan Pena, who pitched five innings, giving up two runs, one walk, and five strikeouts. The two runs came in his last inning to give the Dolphins their 2-0 lead, but the Scorpions got the two

runs back in the bottom of the inning to give Pena the no decision. The score remained 2-2 the rest of the way.

The Dolphins didn't wait. They came out swinging in the first extra inning, scoring three runs to push ahead 5-2. Fidel Gonzalez—who'd come in for Pena—gave up two runs and Chuck Hoskins gave up the other after replacing Gonzalez. The Scorpions went in order in the bottom of the inning to give the Dolphins the win.

In the second game, Dolphins pitchers Gilbert Landestoy and Kenny Trapp combined to hold the Scorpions to two runs and only four hits. Landestoy pitched six innings and allowed the two runs while Trapp pitched the last inning, giving up one hit. Pitchers Victor Beltran, Bing



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Dolphins player dives safe at home as pitcher Carlos Garcia (left) backs and catcher Yuji Miyamoto attempts to make the out during the third game of the series.

Maldonado and Carlos Garcia did a decent job for the Scorpions, allowing a combined four runs on nine hits—one of them a home run to Graham Ryden in the sixth.

In the final game on Feb. 21, pitcher Benny

Gomez gave up a run to the Dolphins in the first inning, but the Scorpions got it back in the bottom of the inning. In the third, however, he gave up seven runs—aided by a couple of Scorpion

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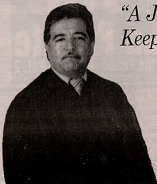
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Sports

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fielding errors—and his replacement Galicia gave up another for the eight-run rally by the Dolphins. The Scorps answered with home runs by Steve Regalado in the fourth and Sergio Gutman in the fifth, as well as a six-run rally in the seventh. But by then, the Dolphins had already had a nine-run fifth to put the game out of reach for the Scorps. The Dolphins won the game easily 21-12.

Coach Eric Gonzalez wasn't happy with the performance. Even though his team scored 12 runs, he wasn't very convinced by their effort.

"We scored 12 runs, but I'm not happy," he said. "It seems we can only score when the other team lets up and that bothers me."

He was happy, however, with a couple of individual performances.

"Benny was pitching pretty good. ... We made a couple of errors, and with Benny being so young, he can't handle it all of the time. ... If we hadn't made those errors, he could have won the game easily for us," he said.

Gonzalez also liked the performance of Chuck Hoskins, who hadn't fared so well in other games.

"And that's why we put him in there, so he could get his confidence back. He pitched good; he got a couple of good innings for us," he said.

Lady Scorps lose first game since formation

By Art Beltran
Managing Editor

The Lady Scorps soccer team lost its first game since its formation last semester to the U.S. Soccer Foundation's Pumas Soccer Academy in a March 1 preparation game 3-0.

The team looked good in the first half, having a hard shot to goal that hit the top right corner of the goal and several other scoring opportunities. But the score was 0-0 at the half.

The second half was a completely different story. The team was dominated from the beginning and was on the defensive most of the time after the changes made by coach Jose Caballero seemed to disorient the team.

The goals started to fall early as the Pumas Soccer Academy players were able to easily penetrate the confused defense.

"I can honestly tell you that the loss was my fault," Caballero said. "I could have kept the same girls in the same format from the first half that we did very well in the second half. But it's a preparation game ... I did some experimenting."

The game at Olivera Park was in preparation for a game against a tough South Texas Community College team. Girls were playing positions they hadn't played before and the loss was taken as a lesson.

"I think the only way you can find out how to play us in the game [against STCC] is practice," team co-captain Jessica Silva said.

Coach pledges money to Penn State

By College Press Service

University Park, Pa.—Joe Paterno, head football coach at Pennsylvania State University, and his wife, Sue, have pledged to give the school \$3.5 million for new teaching jobs, an interfaith spiritual center, scholarships and a sports hall of fame.

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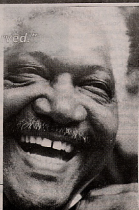
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Tiempo Nuevo

Con júbilo reciben a Mr. Amigo

Por Irma Peña
Reportera

Ante nutridos aplausos y una multitudinaria ovación en el Centro Estudiantil de esta universidad, Mr. Amigo 1997, Alberto Vázquez, recibió el cariño y júbilo que caracterizan a la población universitaria de este campus.

La bienvenida a UTA/TSC, este jueves pasado, la dieron Olivia Rivas, vice presidente de asuntos estudiantiles y Mary Rose Cárdenas, presidenta del patronato de Texas Southmost College.

"Aquí hablamos dos idiomas, inglés y español. Aquí celebramos nuestras dos culturas y la historia de nuestros antepasados, que son

mexicanos y americanos", dijo Rivas al dirigirse a Vázquez y a la concurrencia.

Cárdenas, por su parte manifestó que "es para su mucho orgullo darle la bienvenida, ya que Matamoros y Brownsville son ejemplo de la amistad de dos naciones", dijo.

Entre las personalidades que acompañaron a Vázquez, se encontraban el Dr. Ernesto Morales, presidente de la Asociación Mr. Amigo, el presidente municipal de Brownsville, Henry González, Benito Réndón, consul de México en Brownsville; Ramón Sempayo, presidente municipal de Matamoros, así como los cantantes Ramón Ayala y Ramón Ayala Jr., quienes cantaron a dúo.

Los entusiasmados asistentes disfrutaron de la actuación del mariachi Gala

de México y su vocalista Marco Antonio Valdez quien deleitó con su voz, al cantar "El rey" y "De qué manera te olvido" entre otras canciones.

Martha Salazar, poseedora de una gran voz interpretativa, canto "Se me olvidó otra vez", además de varias canciones mexicanas.

La estudiante Eida Villarreal, con acompañamiento del mariachi de UTA/TSC, deleitó a la concurrencia con las canciones "La Cigarrera" y "Si nos dejan".

El profesor universitario de música y tenor Antonio Briseño, interpretó "Los laureles", lo que arrancó suspiros y gritos de júbilo de los presentes.

Los niños del Centro Infantil universitario Raúl J. Guerra, bailaron "La Bamba" ante las sonrisas de Ver página 19



RUBEN BELTRAN/TIEMPO NUEVO

Alberto Vázquez, Mr. Amigo 1997, acompañado de Olivia Rivas, vicepresidente de asuntos estudiantiles de UTA/TSC y otros invitados.

El estudiante de hoy

Por Melissa Mejía
y Rubén Beltrán
Reporteros

Nombre: Daniel Booker
Edad: 40 años
Preparatoria: Orange County High School in North Carolina.
Licenciatura: Asistente de Médico
Origenario: Detroit, Mich.
Meta: "Obtener mi licenciatura, tener una vida larga en aprendizaje y aventura".
Influencias: "Un anciano de Guam y su familia que sobrevivieron comiendo cocos y jajas mientras se escondían de la invasión de los japoneses durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial".



Foto por Norman E. Risher, Director del Departamento de Ciencias Sociales

Si tuviera que cambiar algo de la universidad ¿qué sería?
"Hacer una comunicación más cercana entre los estudiantes y el personal administrativo".

Breves

La **Asíana Francesa** se reunirá el 20 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón sur 122. Se exhibirá la primera mitad de la película "Los miserables", protagonizada por Jean Paul Belmondo, la cual contiene diálogos en francés con subtítulos en inglés. La entrada será gratuita y para más información llamar a Milo Kearney 982-8218.

Recomiendan portarse bien a los vacacionistas

Por Blanca Esther Gómez
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Autoridades de Brownsville y Matamoros recomiendan precaución a los estudiantes en estas vacaciones de primavera.

El departamento de policía de Brownsville, el Servicio de Aduanas, el Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización en Brownsville y el departamento de policía de Matamoros realizarán operativos conjuntos en estas vacaciones que se aproximan.

Eddie García, oficial de información pública del departamento de policía, dijo enfáticamente que esta corporación evita todo lo que esté en contra de la ley.

"Los estudiantes tendrán que ser responsables de sus actos", dijo.

Señaló que aunque la policía de la ciudad no instalará puntos de revisión después de los puentes internacionales, preció que se mantendrá un contacto

muy estrecho con todas las corporaciones policíacas y las agencias federales.

"Antes de que vayan a México, ellos deben asignar a una persona que conduzca el automóvil para que no ingiera bebidas alcohólicas y así regresen seguros a casa", dijo García.

De lo contrario, el departamento de policía podrá realizar arrestos de estudiantes vacacionistas de verano que sean detectados en los puentes internacionales bajo la influencia de alcohol u otros estimulantes, dijo Ernesto Tijerina, primer comandante del Servicio de Aduanas de Brownsville.

"Nosotros podremos llamar a la policía de la ciudad si detectamos que han tomado demasiado", dijo.

Tijerina recordó que los estudiantes deben saber que cualquier cantidad de droga ilegal que cruce por los puentes, puede resultar en serias multas, incautación del automóvil y hasta prisión.

Todos los artículos adquiridos en México deben ser declarados y existe una exención de \$400 dólares para artículos personales de regalo.

Los estorados están prohibidos, así como las navajas, botas, de tortuga y cualquier artículo hecho de piel de cocodrilo o elefante.

Asimismo, Arturo Moreno, director de relaciones públicas del Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización, dijo que los oficiales de esta agencia federal realizarán sólo el trabajo de rutina.

Precisó que los estudiantes extranjeros deben presentar un pasaporte válido con una visa F-1 y una forma válida I-94 y I-20.

Moreno recordó que es decir falsamente que es ciudadano de Estados Unidos es una ofensa criminal y la persona será procesada.

Agradir o interferir a un oficial federal es también una Ver página 19

Tiempo Nuevo

Editorial

Decálogo de un buen vacacionista de primavera

El próximo seis de marzo iniciarán las vacaciones de primavera de este año. Todos los estudiantes tenemos derecho a divertirnos pero también la obligación de ser responsables con nuestro comportamiento y por lo tanto son esta de más seguir estos diez consejos:

1. Si acudo a Matamoros en estas vacaciones trataré de hacerlo en grupo.
2. Mis acompañantes y yo debemos llevar una identificación expedida por el departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas.
3. Si alguna persona en el grupo es menor de edad, le debemos hacer saber que no puede ingerir bebidas alcohólicas.
4. No usaré tarjetas de identificación falsas o prestadas.
5. Antes de cruzar a Matamoros, debemos asignar a un conductor, quien será el responsable de no beber bebidas embriagantes y regresarnos a casa sanos y salvos.
6. En caso de que algún ciudadano americano resulte arrestado, debemos llamar al Consulado de Estados Unidos en Matamoros al 12-44-02.
7. Si soy residente legal de Estados Unidos, debo cargar con mi tarjeta de residente.
8. No interferiré de ninguna manera en las funciones de los agentes federales en el puerto.
9. Deberé tener presente que está prohibido traer hacia Estados Unidos la mayoría de las frutas de México.
10. También que ante todo, soy un estudiante responsable y debo poner el ejemplo a mis compañeros.

Presentan obra de teatro

Por Melissa Mejía
Reportera

La Asociación Cultural de Teatro Universitario en Español a pesar que los actores son ACTUE de la Universidad de Texas Pan Americana, presentó la obra teatral basada en el poema una estudiante que asistió a la trágica "Yerma" de Federico presentación, dijo que "estoy muy impresionada, pues hicieron una excelente actuación".

El conflicto de la historia es la frustración de una mujer llamada Yerma, quién lamenta con dolor, el hecho de no poder tener un hijo, ya que contrae matrimonio con un hombre que realmente vive en lo que está actuando".

Desesperada acude con una curandera por las noches y el marido celoso piensa que ella lo engaña.

Cuando él descubre que su esposa no fue infiel, él le pide actúa y que su sueño es llegar a ser maestro de secundaria.

Pero ella, desesperada por la situación y ante la burla de todo el pueblo, escandaliza a su esposo al final de la historia.

Juan Antonio González, profesor del departamento de Lenguas Modernas, comentó que "es una trilogía trágica muy bien representada, a pesar que los actores son ACTUE de la Universidad de Texas Pan Americana, presentó la obra teatral basada en el poema una estudiante que asistió a la trágica "Yerma" de Federico presentación, dijo que "estoy muy impresionada, pues hicieron una excelente actuación".

Por su parte, Lilia García, estudiante que asistió a la trágica "Yerma" de Federico presentación, dijo que "estoy muy impresionada, pues hicieron una excelente actuación".

Asimismo, Carlos Sánchez, otro estudiante que se encontraba en el público dijo que "Kenny Montgomery (la actriz principal), es muy pasional en su actuación. Ella realmente vive en lo que está actuando".

Montgomery, procedente de Venezuela y residente de McAllen, dijo que ésta es la primera vez que él y su esposa se reúnen para ser felices juntos.

"He estado en Estados Unidos por cuatro años y el resto de mi vida lo paso en Venezuela", dijo entusiasmado. La obra fue presentada el viernes seis de febrero en el SETB (Edificio de Ciencias e Ingeniería Tecnológica).



IRMA DEL TIEMPO NUEVO

Raymundo Peña, obispo de Brownsville, ofició una misa en el Newman Center el pasado 25 de febrero con motivo del Miércoles de Ceniza, primer día de cuaresma. Dolores Figueroa, asistente a la celebración, recibe la ceniza.

"Mr. Amigo", continuación de página 18
la concurrencia.

El Ballet Folklórico Tzatlán cautivó a la concurrencia con sus bailes yucatecos, entre otros.

Cristina Hernández, estudiante de sistemas de informática computacional, dijo que es muy interesante asistir a este tipo de eventos porque "poco a poco estoy aprendiendo más acerca de mi propia cultura".

El ambiente es de unión y todo es pacífico, dijo.

Verónica Chavez, estudiante de tecnología médica de emergencia (paramedico), dijo encontrarse en un ambiente de unidad.

"Todos nos unimos. No hay barreras. Todos estamos juntos", dijo.

Maribel González, estudiante de radiología, dijo que "es bueno que hagan este tipo de eventos para que la gente aprenda más de las culturas; es bueno que involucren a los niños", dijo.

"Estudiantes", continuación de página 18

persona debe contar con 21 años o más para traer consigo una bebida alcohólica.

"Algunos jóvenes se ven con la libertad de beber con los oficiales, pero los recordamos que esto puede ser peligroso", dijo Moreno.

Los residentes legales de Estados Unidos, deberán traer consigo su tarjeta expedida por el Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización.

En Matamoros, Guadalupe Garza Ruedas, octavo regidor de la presidencia municipal e integrante de la comisión de seguridad pública, dijo que no se arrestarán a los extranjeros menores de edad que se sorprendan bajo la influencia del alcohol.

"Los pondremos en las inmediaciones del puente para protegerlos", dijo.

Precisó que se asignarán oficiales que hablen inglés, que monten a caballo y que anden a pie con el fin de ayudarlos.

La Comisión de Bebidas Alcohólicas de Texas difundió a través de un boletín que la

Un litro de alcohol y un paquete de cervezas podrá ser importado de México por cada persona, cada 30 días.

Si la persona muestra una tarjeta de identificación falsa o alterada, la identificación será confiscada y la persona será procesada.

El departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos, asimismo, informó que la mayoría de las frutas de México están prohibidas.

Señaló en un boletín de información que multas desde \$50 hasta \$100 dólares pueden ser resultado de no declarar frutas procedentes de México.

Finalmente, si los estudiantes, ciudadanos de Estados Unidos son arrestados en México, el Consulado de Estados Unidos en Matamoros recomienda que se lo notifique al teléfono 12-44-02.

Candidate Profiles

With the March 10 Democratic and Republican primaries around the corner, Collegian reporter Chris Plata recently interviewed 30 candidates running for the most hotly contested local races. All candidates interviewed are Democrats, except for Joe de la Fuente, a Republican.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 37

"The Texas Legislature is the law-making branch of Texas government. Before the courts can interpret the laws and before the executive branch can put the laws into effect, someone has to create the laws. Actions by the Legislature touch virtually every aspect of our lives from health and safety regulations to educational curricula, from crime prevention and criminal justice to environmental protection."



Rene Oliveira, the incumbent, has served seven terms in the Texas Legislature. He is chairman of the House Economic Development Committee. Oliveira, 42, graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and is a senior partner in the law firm of Roering, Oliveira and Fisher.

Accomplishments: "I've passed well over 150 pieces of legislation that benefited our area. I've worked very hard for children and [passed] a lot of laws to protect children, to collect child support to take care of those single parents ... who don't have enough support or haven't been able to collect it. Very proud to have been an author and sponsor of the bill to create the University of Texas at Brownsville. ... Very proud of the work I've been doing in bringing jobs to Brownsville and the Valley. I passed two important programs: Smart Jobs Program and the Skills Development Fund that have created thousands and thousands of jobs here in the Valley. I've worked in the area on the war on drugs and fighting for our fair share of state dollars for educating our children."

Goals: "We need to continue on the same track of expanding the university. We have created many degree programs here that didn't exist until just a few years ago. We

have got to work to improve our economic climate so that there are jobs available, good paying jobs with good benefits. I think we have to continue to work on the problem of health and human services for our area. We have a lot of unmet needs and we continue to try to find the resources so that the poor, the elderly, the disabled, those that need help can get it."



Mike Rodriguez, the challenger, is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and the University of Texas School of Law. Rodriguez, 30, was an aide to Sen. Eddie Lucio and general counsel for the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He is an associate in the law firm of Rodriguez, Colvin and Chaney.

Why are you running? "I'm going to try to serve the people of Brownsville and South Padre Island. I believe 100 percent in the system of government we have, [but] I really want to change the compadrisimo system that I think negatively impacts our society. ... I'm running because I know that I have the experience. ... I've been trained in legislative process."

Goals: "My goals are to ensure that everybody has equal access and equal representation. I think that [it] is very important that people feel like they can pick up the phone and call their state representative and tell them of the problems and issues that face them. I don't think we have that and I'm committed to working hard to providing a very accessible office."

Candidate Profiles

STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

"The district court is commonly referred to as the state's highest trial court, as it handles all original jurisdiction criminal cases graded as felonies and civil cases involving the largest amount of potential damages. ... The most common type of civil cases heard in district court deal with divorce and family law matters."

103rd



Menton Murray Jr., the incumbent, has served for 12 years. Previously, he was a county court-at-law judge, an assistant district attorney and assistant city attorney.

Why are you seeking re-election? "I think everybody hopes to find what they do well in life, and I just found something that I do well."

Accomplishments: "I have presided over probably 12,000 to 15,000 cases. I think that we have done an excellent job of bringing those cases to the front and disposing of them in some manner, in accordance with the law."



Albert Villagas, the challenger, is a graduate of Pan American University and the University of Houston Law School. He has practiced in Brownsville for the last 15 years.

Why are you running? "We want to offer people their day in court. When people have that day in court, they believe that they are going to come in and have the facts and evidence actually be the reason why they win or lose."

Goals: "We plan on providing a courtroom to all people that is fair and impartial. We plan on offering a judge who will listen to the evidence and after having all the facts and evidence presented to him, will render a decision or apply the laws ... according to the facts of that particular and not to the persons involved."

197th



Migdalia Lopez currently serves as a county court-at-law judge. She graduated from Central Michigan University, Temple University and the University of Houston Law School. She has practiced law for more than 18 years.

Why are you running? "The judiciary is very important. We [need] people there who are honest, who have integrity and who will hold people accountable, but they themselves will be held accountable."

Goals: "The 197th District Court is now occupied by Darrell Hester, [who] is retiring. He has an excellent court and I want to keep up the same standards that he has. I'd like to be able to work on the juvenile program. ... We have not put the emphasis on that problem that we need to. I definitely want to do that."



Joe Esquivel is a former state and federal prosecutor. He graduated from Pan American University and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He has a private practice and is board certified in criminal law.

Why are you running? "I've always wanted to run for district judge and I feel I could do a good job. I've tried over a hundred cases. I think I'm very well qualified for that position."

Goals: "My plans are to continue the tradition of the 1 District Court ... I want to maintain a good, honest court."



Everardo Garcia graduated from Colgate University and Northwestern University Law School. He currently serves as a County Court-at-Law No. 1 judge. Previously, he was a municipal judge in Huntington.

Why are you running? "Because I'm the best qualified [candidate]."

Goals: "Streamline caseload. ... Begin at 8 a.m. like everybody else. ... Take care of the case docket. ... Be a public servant."

Candidate Profiles

COUNTY COURT AT LAW

"County courts-at-law are authorized to hear both criminal and civil cases. ... The court's original jurisdiction is criminal cases including driving while intoxicated, assault resulting in bodily injury, possession of marijuana (under two ounces) and other class A and B misdemeanors. ... The types of civil cases heard in the county court-at-law include personal injury suits, some divorces, tax disputes and probate matters where the plaintiff seeks damages of less than \$5,000."*

No. 1



Angel Castro is an attorney in private practice. He is a graduate of Pan American University and the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Castro is a former assistant district attorney.

Why are you running? "Whenever you are in a profession, you try to reach the pinnacle. Most attorneys aspire ... to be a judge. I feel that I've got the qualifications."

Goals: "To be as fair and impartial to everybody [who goes before the court]."



Yolanda Lozano Garza has practiced law for nine years. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and two master's from Texas A&M University. Garza received her law degree from the Reynaldo Garza Law School. Before going to law school, she was a teacher and principal.

Why are you running? "Because I think that having been a principal and teacher, I can affect lives. ... I think as a judge, I can make some changes and some requirements of some of these people who end up in my court to where we can prevent future problems."

Goals: "When [a person gets] probation, I'm going to require that they get a GED if they have not finished high school or go to a vocational-type of training if they are unemployed. I'm going to require that both males and females take parenting classes and child development courses as part of their probation."



Janet Leal is a graduate of Pan American University and the South Texas College of Law. She had a general practice in Houston before returning to the Valley in 1992. She served as an assistant district attorney here for four years and now has a private practice.

Why are you running? "Being a judge is just something that I've always considered. ... I am a strong decision-maker. ... I know the law so I know what I need to do, and how to follow it. ... I'm at the point in my career where I feel qualified to be a good judge, where I can serve the people of Cameron County and do the job."

Goals: "I want to be a judge that's fair. What I want to accomplish, bottom line, is justice. I want the people to come in and feel that they have a sounding voice, someone that they can come and talk to—someone who will listen to their case and give a fair ruling and not base it on who's in front of them, but what the law and facts are."

No. 2



Elia Cornejo Lopez is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. She also has a bachelor's degree in business administration from UT-Austin and is a certified public accountant. She has practiced law since 1991.

Why are you running? "I feel I have the temperament to weigh the issues clearly, to give people their day in court."

Goals: "I'm willing to go a step further with my judgments, not just assessing fines and probation or jail time, but actually getting the people some help so that they can change their behavior and not come back to the court ever again."



Lilia Gonzales is a graduate of Alma College in Alma, Mich., and the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. She has practiced law since 1990 and served as a public defender from 1995-97.

Why are you running? "I was assigned cases at the [Mental Health and Mental Retardation's] Rio Grande State Center [as] the presiding judge for the mental hearings. ... I feel I have the experience, the knowledge and the drive to do this work."

Goals: "Establish a satellite office in Harlingen or San Benito ... to listen to probate matters, guardianship matters and [to hold] arraignments" for persons living in Harlingen, San Benito, Rio Hondo, Santa Rosa, La Feria, Primera, Los Indios and Santa Maria. The court also would "assess a \$200 court-appointed attorney's fee regardless of the outcome of the case."



Noel Robles is a graduate of St. Edward's University and the South Texas College of Law. He previously served as judge of County Court-at-Law No. 1 and as municipal court judge in Combes.

Why are you running? "I'm the best qualified and experienced candidate for this position. ... We have a lot of candidates that are seeking this office. They all have the basic legal qualifications to run for office but they don't have the experience that I have at being judge and trying these cases and listening to these cases."

Goals: "As a judge, there are not many promises you can offer the public. We can only promise that we know the law, we're qualified to administer justice equally and fairly, as fairly as we can, and to be independent."

Candidate Profiles

Court at law No. 2 continued



Robert H. Mendoza has a master's degree in psychology from Texas A&I University and a law degree from the South Texas College of Law. He is a former instructor and academic counselor for Texas Southwest College.

Why are you running? "I'm a lifetime resident of Brownsville. ... I'm very familiar with all the problems that affect ... Cameron County."

Goals: To continue the endeavors of the court, which include not only processing cases but finding justice in all cases. And, having the interests of the community responded to."



Alfredo Padilla is a graduate of Pan American University and the University of Houston School of Law. He has a private practice in Brownsville. Previously, Padilla was an associate attorney for the firm of Heard, Goggan, Blair, Williams and Harrison, an assistant attorney general, and a staff attorney for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Why are you running? "I think I have the experience to do a good job. I've been practicing law for 19 years. ... I have an active civil and criminal practice."

Goals: "The present County Court-at-Law No. 2 is a good system, a hard-working system. However, you need to make sure the level of disposition of cases is kept up. We [also] need to look at alternative sentencing methods, instead of incarceration."

No. 3



Leticia "Lety" Bargaurens, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the South Texas College of Law, is an attorney with the law firm of Hirsch, Sheiness and Garcia. Previously, she was a social worker with the Harris County Child Welfare office and a Cameron County assistant district attorney.

Why are you running? "Mainly because it was a career plan. I've always planned ... to get enough trial experience ... so that I could feel qualified and feel like I could tell the citizens of Cameron County that I was qualified as a trial lawyer, that's basically what I am. And I believe that a judge ... should have a lot of experience on the trial level."

Goals: "To make sure everyone is treated equally and fairly. I think a lot of the complaints also are that people are not treated with respect and dignity and that's going to be a first and foremost plan for County Court No. 3. Part of the goal for County Court 3 is to continue to meet not only with the attorneys but with law enforcement officials, probation officers, regular citizens to listen to their complaints."



Ben Neece, 42, a graduate of St. Mary's University Law School, has practiced law for 15 years. He has served as a municipal court judge in Brownsville since 1984.

Why are you running? "Because this is the next step in my judicial career. I've been a judge most of my adult life. ... I was offered an opportunity to be a full-time judge with the city but I didn't want to give up my law practice at that time. And now I have decided that I'm going to ... become a full-time judge for the county court-at-law. ... I also feel that being a judge is a very special job. ... You have a definite effect on people's lives every day."

Goals: "To provide a fair and impartial forum where people could come and take care of their legal cases. ... The people will go in there knowing that the judge hasn't made up his mind one way or another and that he will not make up his mind until evidence is heard."



Daniel T. Roblox, a graduate of Pan American University and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, has a private practice in Harlingen. From 1989 to 1992, he was a Cameron County assistant district attorney.

Why are you running? "I feel of all other persons running, I'm the most qualified. It's not that I want to be judge because I want to receive a big paycheck or because I want to have some sort of power trip. I feel dedicated doing public service."

Goals: "Make sure that the proper court procedures are set in place. The judge has to be the leader, and the court has to make sure that the schedules are kept, dockets are made, cases are heard promptly."

Candidate Profiles

CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

"(a) The clerk of a district court has custody of and shall carefully maintain, arrange, and preserve the records relating to or lawfully deposited in the clerk's office. (b) The clerk of a district court shall: (1) record the acts and proceedings of the court; (2) enter all judgments of the court under direction of the judge; and (3) record all executions issued and the returns on the executions. (c) The district clerk shall keep an index of the parties to all suits filed in the court."



Aurora De La Garza, the incumbent, has been district clerk since 1980. She attended Texas Southmost College and Pan American University.

Accomplishments: Computerized the child support division, jury system, criminal and civil departments. In addition, the district clerk's information system allows attorneys from all over the state to log in to the department's computer to check the status of a case. She also changed the procedure of collecting fees as they are accrued and not at the finalizing of the case, thus increasing county revenues.

Goals: Wants to upgrade the records management section. "I'm not through with the hopes, goals for the district clerk's office. ... I strive very hard to know more, do more to serve the people of this county."



Joey Lopez graduated from Pan American University with an accounting degree and is vice president of Lopez Food Stores Inc. He serves on the Brownsville School District Board of Trustees.

Why are you running? "I feel I can do a better job. It's time to take the district clerk's office into the 21st century, improve its availability of information, its accessibility. Right now, the only office of the district clerk is here in Brownsville. What we need to do is open up an information service center for the northern part of the county."

Goals: "Computerize totally the office of district clerk. Right now, certain things are computerized but they're not accessible. ... Their filing system is being done on microfiche. ... We need to go to the age of where we are scanning documents and putting them in diskettes, instead of having them in microfiche because that is the thing of the past. We need to plan ahead for the next 10 years."

Candidate Profiles

CAMERON COUNTY CLERK

"The office is responsible for maintaining the county's legal records and vital statistics, such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, and real estate transactions."



Joe G. Rivera, the incumbent, has been in office since 1975, with the exception of one term (1983-86). He attended Texas Southwest College.

Accomplishments: "John Sharp, the comptroller of public accounts, came into our office and audited our operation. We were noted as the best managed in county government, and one of the most advanced, technologywise, nationwide. We were one of the first counties to go into imaging for record storage, saving thousands of dollars in storage space."

Goals: "Our biggest goal right now is to centralize and computerize all of our judicial system. Right now, it's just in parts. ... And if everything goes as scheduled, everything in the judicial system, starting from the arresting agency to the county clerk, the judges, and [the] probation department, will be computerized."



Linda Salazar graduated from the University of Texas at Brownsville with a bachelor of science degree. She is the coordinator for the 103rd District Court. Previously, Salazar served as deputy clerk and supervisor under Joe G. Rivera. She attended law enforcement security training at Texas A&M University.

Why are you running? "It's time for a change. After people have been in office for many years, they start getting stale. There's a lot of changes that need to be done in the county clerk's office."

Goals: Imaging and indexing of criminal and civil index books, as well as criminal and civil minute books; implementation of a remote access system to allow access to public criminal information for attorneys and companies; update the records management imaging system.

Candidate Profiles

CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

Each county ... is governed by a County Commissioner's Court composed of four commissioners and presided over by a county judge. ... The commissioner's court appoints key administrators and other personnel; sets the county tax rates; adopts the county budget; awards contracts for construction, repair and maintenance of county buildings and roads, and performs other related administrative tasks as required by the Texas Constitution and Legislature."



Carlos Casco, the incumbent, has been a county commissioner since 1991. He also is a practicing certified public accountant.

Accomplishments: "I had a goal to pave every single road in my precinct in two terms. ... Pretty much all of that has been accomplished. ... The only area that I have left, which we are working on now, is the paving of Cameron Park. But, the idea was to provide infrastructure in Cameron Park. That's been done by providing water, wastewater, housing rehabilitation. ... Since I've been on the court, we improved our bond rating to AAA, which is unprecedented of any county along the border. And, that is just due to the fiscal conservatism that I've been able to implement ... at the county level."

Goals: "Because of the cuts that we are going to experience in the welfare system, the county has to be more active in obtaining assistance, either via grants [or] some kind of subsidies. ... We are continuing to expand our health services to the rural communities. ... We are trying to work to get the regional academic health center."



William Garza received an associate's degree from Texas Southmost College. He is director of Tropical Adult Day Care Center. Previously, Garza served as a Brownsville city commissioner.

Why are you running? "I feel that areas of Precinct 2, like Olmito, San Pedro, Villa Nueva, Rio del Sol, El Jardin, Rivera High School, Riverbend, Lakeway, of course Cameron Park have not been represented well. They are very upset at this time because they feel that they don't have a voice on the commission. So, I thought I'd give the people a choice."

Goals: "If I happen to win this March, immediately ... I would meet with these areas, and all the areas of the county to see what are some of the problems that these people are facing, and try to work with them. By the time I get sworn into office, I'm better prepared to dealing with the problems that are facing them."

Candidate Profiles

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2, PLACE 2

"The Justice of the Peace courts (also called justice courts) are empowered to hear both criminal and civil cases. Statewide, nearly 90 percent of all the cases filed in these courts are criminal, with traffic violations accounting for the majority of the cases heard. ... Other criminal matters handled by the justice court include issuing peace bonds and criminal arrest warrants. ... It hears most of the civil cases in which the amount in dispute is under \$5,000. The justice court is somewhat informal, so plaintiffs and defendants are not required to hire attorneys to state their cases."



Ed Sarabia, the incumbent, has been in office for 27 years. He has a law degree, as well as a master's in political science.

Accomplishments: We have updated our court ... with a new computer program that allows us to handle more cases more efficiently.

Goals: "I am working on a judicial program that will allow us to enter [the] West Law main computer program in Austin, giving us the latest trend in new, old laws, plus the latest treaties. ... That will facilitate research. I'm working on another new system ... the alternative dispute resolution program; this is another way of solving [legal] problems without actually going through the judicial system. It's cheaper for the public and it's more effective."



Joe de la Fuente, 31, is self-employed as an investigator. He does research for attorneys and insurance companies. He also owns a construction company and is a student at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Why are you running? "I have over 16 years of experience in the legal field. I've been working in and out of the courthouse for this amount of time and I'm very familiar with that position. I feel that I'm very qualified for that position."

Goals: "Work with [the other JP] to set up a system with one clerk for both JPs to [distribute] equal amounts of workload to each court. Establish a computerized docket/index control system to allow easier flow of caseload. Work closely with BISO administrators to effectively process truancy cases."



Mikki Balli Monciviz is a real estate agent. She was a justice court chief clerk from 1989 to 1996.

Why are you running? "I worked in that office for seven years. ... There are a lot of issues in that courtroom that are not being addressed, mainly children's issues. ... Somebody ought to do something about this and put in place different policies that would allow for children and mothers and educators to come in there and vent their problems with the children. And for us to be there and help, that's why I decided to run."

Goals: "I want to set up a Wednesday's Child-type thing ... where any type of issue—child abuse, truancy, having a problem with a boyfriend—things that children need somebody to go to and say, 'can you help me with this?'"



Fred Martinez is a graduate of the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Why are you running? "I have noticed in the last few years that this office is not producing, it's not tending to the community like it's supposed to do. It's not tending to the truancy problems with the Brownsville Independent School District. It hasn't been working in conjunction with BISO or law enforcement. The JP office has to be involved in those issues. ... I feel that the new JP will need to get involved with the truancy problems."

Goals: "The problems with school truancy need to be addressed. ... We need to get the youth involved with summer youth jobs and having them involved with our local offices to the extent that they can participate in local and county government. I also feel that the justice of the peace should have a network of [professional] people who can help him help the people."



Andres S. "Andy" Torres, 59, is a retired Brownsville Police Department sergeant. He also worked for the Brownsville Herald from 1958 to 1963. Torres attended Texas Southmost College.

Why are you running? "I think that I can help the people. I've been in law enforcement most of my life."

Goals: "My intentions are ... to be of service to the people, be there when they need me. ... I will make the best effort to be contacted."



Oscar Tullos, a graduate of Texas A&I University, has 21 years of business experience. He is a former teacher at Stiel and Cummings junior high schools. Tullos served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Why are you running? "The present judge is not doing enough work in the small-claims cases. In a period of five months, the other JP did 363 small-claims cases. This justice of the peace only did 12. We need to run a more efficient court, so that the needs of our community are better served."

Goals: "To improve that office, make it more efficient so that as people have certain needs from the judge in order to solve their problems, they can come to the judge and I will have an open-door policy. ... The second problem ... that is not being addressed is the school truancy cases. Presently four high schools in Brownsville are on probation because students are not attending classes. ... We need to keep those kids in school."

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Get ready...



ROBERT CORRAJO/COLLEGIAN

Leonor Mata serves the birdie during an intramural badminton match in the gym.

Candidates vying for SGA posts

Students will vote for their new Student Government Association officers on April 1.

According to the SGA constitution, the elected officers are sworn in the week after the elections.

As of press time Monday, those running for SGA pres-

ident are Steven Saul King, Sandy Longoria and Mauro F. Ruiz, the Student Activities Office said.

Vice president candidates are Miniam Castro, Meredith Garcia III and Alejandro Alberto Rodriguez.

Candidates for secretary are Priscilla Garcia and Nancy

Lerma.

Treasurer candidates are Gilbert Arellano, Kimberly Magee and Joel G. Tovar.

Historian candidates are Arturo Beltran and Daniel Valdez, Jr.

Jessica Silva is running for parliamentarian.

SGA to meet with VP over adviser removal

By Ginger James

Collegian Editor

Student Government Association members meet today with Vice President for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas to discuss the decision they made to remove their advisers in SGA's Feb. 25 meeting.

At the end of the Feb. 25 meeting, SGA members present voted unanimously to remove the administrative adviser, Coordinator of Student Activities Dana Sosa-Hegarty, and the faculty adviser, Professor of Social Sciences Ron Lane from their positions, according to the minutes of the meeting. A memo was then sent to Rivas, requesting the advisers' removal, Joel Tovar, president of the SGA, said.

Rivas said she was surprised to receive only a memo on such a large decision.

"I was not aware there were problems... they [SGA members] did not discuss them with me," she said. "If there are difficulties, since the sponsors are appointed by me, procedure should have been to come and talk to me first."

Rivas said she met with Sosa-Hegarty and Tovar the week after the SGA decision. In this meeting, she said, she explained to Tovar how the situation should have been handled.

"SGA are leaders in training, and I expect them to make mistakes," she said. "When I pointed out [this] to Joel, he recognized the better way to do it."

Although she will hear out SGA members' complaints about the advisers, Rivas added that SGA cannot remove Sosa-Hegarty from her position, since she is their administrative adviser.

"She is their administrative representative. She is their land-lord. The business work is conducted through her, they cannot throw her out..." she said.

Lane does not feel the decision to remove him and Sosa-Hegarty as advisers was handled properly. He said he wasn't notified of the vote; he read about it in *The Collegian*.

"Now I know how CEOs of big companies feel when they find out they were fired in *The Wall Street Journal*," he said.

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Bougainvillea royal court elections today, Ball Saturday

By Chris Plata
Staff Writer

Elections for Bougainvillea king and queen are being held today, with the annual ball set to take place Saturday night at the South Padre Island Convention Centre.

The competition will be between the King candidates: Steve Eric Galarza, Sebastian Gattier, and Gus Laraga. Only one woman, Meredith Lynn Tamayo, is running for Bougainvillea Queen.

Voting began at 8 a.m. and runs through 7 p.m. Students

can vote in the South Building lobby or the Tandy Hall lobby.

The man and woman receiving the most votes will be crowned king and queen, respectively. Runners-up will receive the titles of prince and princess, duke and duchess,

lady and lord, according to the number of votes they receive.

This year's ball, whose theme is "Enchanted Voyage," is scheduled from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday. Formal attire is required. The Tejano group La Diferencia will provide the music.

Tickets for Bougainvillea Ball '98 are available in the Student Activities Office. They are free for UTB/TSC academic students with a validated ID. Tickets for staff, faculty, vocational students and high school seniors are \$5 per couple.

On Campus

Gong show brings out student talents

By Melissa Cantu
Staff Writer

There wasn't a gong, but there was a show.

Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority held its first Gong Show March 18 in the student center. The audience decided among four acts who should receive first, second, third and consolation by applauding as loud as they could for the act they enjoyed best.

First prize was given to Eva Ramirez who performed a karate solo. She wowed the crowd with her splits, jumps, kicks and enthusiastic yells. She teaches Tae Kwon Do courses and also received first in the World Tournament in karate for music form.

"I've been doing this for 17 years," Ramirez said. "The musical form I did today took me a year and a half to perfect," she said.

David Garza sang an original song titled "February Ninth" and also received high applause from the audience.

Third place was given to a duo by Leslie Rangel and Nascette Molina singing the popular

song, "Tell Him" by Celine Dion and Barbara Streisand. They practically sounded like the real thing.

Consolation prize was given to the trio comprised of Leslie Rangel, Joe De Anda and Mark Rainy, with Rangel singing "Who Will Save Your Soul," by Jewel.

First prize was \$100, second

\$50, third \$25, and consolation a T-shirt.

Beckie Barrera, coordinator for the event said the Gong Show was organized to entertain UTB/TSC students.

"We not only provided entertainment for the students, but allowed the participants to show their talent and shine," she said.



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David Garza grabs second place with "February Ninth."

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Candidate applications are due by 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 25, in the Office of Student Activities. A copy of an unofficial student transcript must accompany the application.

A mandatory candidate orientation session will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the Student Leadership Room.

Absentee voting will take place at the Office of Student Activities on Friday, March 27. General decision voting will take place Wednesday, April 1, at Tardy Hall and at South Hall (between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.)

You must be a registered UTB/TSC student to be able to vote.



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On Campus

Briefs

The Rotaract Club, a community service organization, will hold an organizational meeting at 2 p.m. April 3 in the Leadership Exchange room, located in the Student Center. The club provides men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 an opportunity to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. For more information, call Grace Salinas at 544-0830 or 541-4453.

The Baptist Student Ministry will hold its annual Easter picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 9 in the Free Speech Area. The free event is open to all students, faculty and staff. The ministry conducts Bible studies from noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays in Tandy 116. Refreshments are served. The ministry also sponsors a free luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays in the Student Center TV room. For more information, call Ann Mireles at 583-7311.

Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, meets at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Leadership Exchange room, located in the Student Center. Its purpose is to develop leadership, promote friendship and provide service to humanity. For more information, contact Charlie Salazar at 344-8264.

Sigma Lambda Alpha, a national service sorority, meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Leadership Exchange room, located in the Student Center. The sorority invites you to learn more about Hispanic cultures through membership in this community-service-based organization. You do not have to be Hispanic nor speak Spanish in order to be a member. For more information, call Sandra Longoria at 544-8264.

The Soccer Club meets at noon every Friday in the Quiet Study room, located in the Student Center. For more information, contact Manny Cruz at 544-8224.

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Scorpion Young Democrats will meet at noon Thursday in the Leadership Exchange Room, located in the Student Center. For more information, contact Lety Diaz at (956) 778-3840.

Proficiency test for SET-B computer lab eliminated

By Rick Holden
Staff Writer

The proficiency test to allow students to use the SET-B computer lab has been eliminated as of March 23.

All students with a valid stu-

"We are advising students that we don't have the staff to give them service at the computer. ... The student will have to know enough about the software in order to use it independently," he said.

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What if I'm asked to relocate?

By Bernard J. Milano
College Press Service

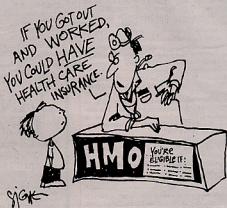
Working for a large company—particularly a multinational corporation—means the chance will always exist that your employer will someday ask you to relocate. New recruits in their first year are rarely faced with this situation, since they haven't yet developed a specific expertise that they could bring to a new location. Nevertheless, the possibility of being asked to move will be a reality as you move further along in your career—it can even happen to second- or third-year employees. So you'll want to be prepared to handle this situation if and when it arises.

How much negotiating power you have will vary, depending on the company, your position and the specifics that are prompting the relocation request. For the most part, we're lucky here in America, since we can usually turn down a request by our employer to move. Despite the freedom we enjoy, though, you'll still want to be careful in turning down a relocation request. Very often, a move is an important rung on the promotion ladder. "Putting in time" at another location can be well worth it, since your employer will recognize the sacrifice you made for the greater good of the firm, and will compensate you for it later.

International relocations are looked upon in different ways from person to person. Some dread the idea, since it will require a great deal more adapting than if the move were to, say, Pittsburgh. Others, however, look forward to the chance to live in and experience a different culture. Indeed, there are people who join a particular company because the chance to live and work abroad should be welcomed as an adventure not everyone gets a shot at. At the same time, employees with families and their own homes are often sent abroad, particularly since their seniority means they have the expertise their company needs them to bring to the new location. As reluctant as these employees may initially be, countless families settle in wonderfully in their new country. Also, they're usually given generous expatriate programs, which make settling in a lot easier.

I've been speaking up until now about companies moving individual employees between company branches. However, another type of relocation occurs when a company relocates its entire operation. This can be a short move—for example, from a metropolitan area to a suburban area—in which case few if any employees have to consider moving to new homes. In other cases, though, companies move to entirely different states. This most often involves a relocation company that specializes in making this huge undertaking go as smoothly as possible. When entire companies move, there is the consolation that you'll be with many familiar faces at the new location. For some, though, this isn't enough, and they decide to leave the firm rather than move.

It's ultimately up to you how you handle a relocation request. It will require some deep introspection, and if you turn the chance down, you may spend a lot of time in the future pondering the "what if" aspect. If the chance arises relatively early in your career, I can see little reason to say no. As for any nervousness you might have, consider one of the truest clichés I know: "The hardest moves often turn out to be the best ones."



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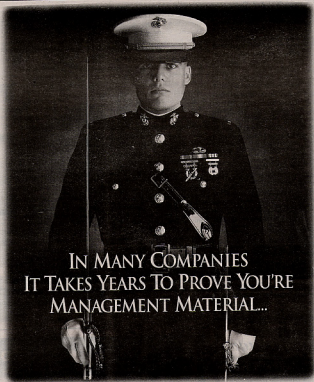
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"Bothy Culture"

Martyn Bennett
Rykodisc (RCD 10381)

A friend of mine, commenting on a Capercaille disc that I had lent him once said something like, "I understand that everyone has different musical tastes. But I can't imagine anyone listening to this music and not liking it." And it's easy to see what he means—when you combine the traditional music of Ireland and/or Scotland with funky backbeats and lush (but disciplined) arrangements, the result is something that feels universal. I can understand intellectually why someone might object to the fusion of ancient music and modern rhythm, but I have a hard time imagining someone hearing it and not enjoying it in spite of

himself. And Capercaille isn't even the strongest example of how nicely those two widely disparate traditions can coexist—Mouth Music has yet to release a weak album and the same can be said for Talitha McKenzie. And that's not even mentioning the Celtoppers, who go loss for funk and more rock. T Oyster Band comes to mind, in particular its stunning collaboration with Jane Tabor, and as disgusting as Shane MacGowan may be as a human being, the Pogues have created some of the most exciting music of the last 15 years.

Which brings us to the young Martyn Bennett, who gains my affection early on by showing that his control of the Gaelic tradition is as deep as his knowledge of modern dancehall genres. Mouth

Music's Martin Swan remixed everything, so that connection's explicit, but Bennett's sound is a surprisingly mature and fully realized fusion of the personal and the global. "Tongues of Kali" opens the program with references to Punjabi religion, Uilleann pipes and some kind of weird tongue exercise; "Aye?" follows up with massed strings and an illiberal rhythm. And those aren't the strongest cuts, either. That honor goes to the bracing "Yer Man From Athlone," which alternates between a fiddle tune in some sort of bizarre compound meter and lovely piece of puint-a-beul accompanied by virtuosic bones. And "Waltz for Hector" (the first successful attempt at triple-meter drum'n'bass that I know of) comes in a close second.

Quibbles? Yeah, I wish the majority of the beats were more funky and less house-y. And I'd really like to see him stretch out more on the drum'n'bass fusion idea. But that will probably all come. This is a thoroughly auspicious debut. —Rick Anderson, College Press Service

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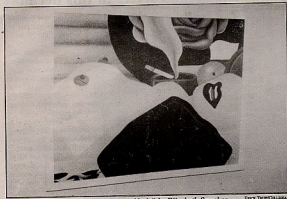
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Arts & Entertainment



"Great American Nude" by Elizabeth Sanchez.

STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Advanced student art displayed in show

By Melissa Cantu

Staff Writer

UTB/TSC students and faculty have until April 3 to check out the talent of campus artists at the Advanced Student Art Exhibition at the Richardson Art Gallery Building.

The exhibit began March 16 with a reception to open the exhibit to the public. Artwork in the form of ceramic, Honduran mahogany, paintings, drawings, and mixed media are featured by Miguel Plata, John Clark, Jesus De La Rosa, Mark Hoskins, Iris Lee, Diana Z. Villareal, Andrea Lopez, Danny Saenz, Marnel Cervantes and Patricia Fernandez.

Carlos Gomez, associate professor in fine arts and gallery director, said because this particular exhibit is not mandatory, only interested students participate.

"Only the more aggressive participate and doing this shows their interest in really becoming artists," he said.

Every art exhibit sells an average of three to four pieces. Gomez said there was an individual interested in purchasing one of the artworks at the opening of the exhibit.

"The crowd said this is the best show they've seen from the students," he said.

Business major Zoila Perez said the talent exhibited by the students was overwhelming.

"I didn't realize we had such interesting exhibits on campus," she said. "It was really nice."

The level 2 exhibit will be held April 7-24 at the Richardson Gallery Art Building and is mandatory for intermediate art students.



Briefs

Student recitals are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. Friday and April 3 in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free.

Baritone Douglas Webster will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in the SET-B lecture hall. Admission is free for UTB/TSC students, \$7 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under age 18. Webster made his debut as the Celebrant in Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" and won the 1995 Joy of Singing award.

The UTB/TSC Opera Gala is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 4 and 3 p.m. April 5 at the Camille Lightner Playhouse, 1 Dean Porter Park. Music to be performed includes selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and "Così fan Tutti," Puccini's "La Bohème" and Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel." In addition, a men's chorus will perform selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore." Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under age 18.

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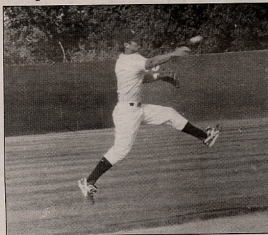
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Sports

Scorpions revived, sweeping first and second series in this decade



Eddie Trevi/Collegian

Freshman Yuji Miyamoto attempting to catch the ball during one of the games.

By Art Beltran
Managing Editor

A recent surge of improved all-around play pumped life back into the Scorpions, revived them in the race for the playoffs, and rewarded them with their first and second series sweeps this decade, upping their record to 4-11 and 6-13 overall.

The Scorpions got their sweeps at Scorpion field against Del Mar College (9-0 and 10-0) on March 11, and Laredo Community College (5-4, 7-6, and 9-8) on March 7-8. The wins put them right in the middle of the race for the playoffs.

The wins couldn't have come at a better time for the Scorpions, who were on a nine-game losing streak. Coach Eric Gonzalez explained the change.

"We were just one or two hits away from being a good team and this past weekend it worked out for us where we got the hits and we won," he said. "We have

good hitters. They need to realize how good they are and they're starting to realize that so we'll start doing better."

Also, "They went out and played with a lot of motivation. ... It paid off. A little motivation will go a long way and it went a long way this weekend," he added.

Now they must keep winning to make the playoffs.

"We got the sweep which is a little motivation, a little momentum, and hopefully we can just build on it and keep going," Gonzalez said. "Right now we're shooting for the fourth spot; hopefully, we can catch on fire and make that fourth spot. The top four teams go to the playoffs."

The team's chemistry should complement their efforts to make the playoffs.

"They get along really well and that's a big part of any winning team," Gonzalez said.

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Sports

1998 Scorpion Baseball Schedule

March 28	*Galveston	Galveston	Noon
March 29	*Galveston	Galveston	11 a.m.
April 4	*Wharton	Brownsville	Noon
April 5	*Wharton	Brownsville	11 a.m.
April 9	*Alvin	Alvin	Noon
April 10	*Alvin	Alvin	11 a.m.
April 18	*San Jacinto	Brownsville	1 p.m.
April 19	*San Jacinto	Brownsville	11 a.m.
April 25	*Laredo	Laredo	Noon
April 26	*Laredo	Laredo	11 a.m.
May 9	*Blinn	Brownsville	Noon
May 10	*Blinn	Brownsville	11 a.m.

*Denotes conference game

Intramural Sports Schedule

March 30	Badminton Mixed Doubles	Lemos/Mata
April 6	Sailing	Loft/Walton
(April 8 - Rain Date)		

All events start at 2:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

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"It's this jolt ... why couldn't they have come and talked to me about it? It hurt hard."

"I think the whole thing was done, to put it mildly, poorly. ... I'm not challenging their [SGA's] right to make this recommendation, I'm challenging the way the information was disseminated."

Complaints from SGA members about the advisers is general lack of participation and non-attendance of meetings, Towar said. Sosa-Hegarty said the last meeting she attended that was posted was the one before the Feb. 25 meeting.

"It was just that one meeting [Feb. 25] that I missed, because I couldn't locate it," she said. Lane admitted that he has not been to an SGA meeting since December 1997, but he added SGA members should have made more of an effort to notify him of meetings.

"I was never informed of the meetings to begin with," he said. "I chair three different committees, and serve on three others. It's an unwritten rule that everyone gets notice at least 24 hours before a meeting, sometimes 72 hours ..."

Towar said SGA feels this is not an plausible excuse to miss meetings, and that meetings are posted around two weeks in advance.

"They are our advisers, they could at least stop by once in a while to see how things are going and see when the meeting is going to be," he said. In response to not notifying Lane of meetings, he added "Maybe we didn't meet him halfway, but he didn't meet us halfway, either."

Towar said there are no hard feelings toward the advisers, SGA just wants advisers who will be there for them.

"We respect Dena and Mr. Lane very much ... we just need someone who will be able to be there when we need them," he said.

Sosa-Hegarty said she will continue to help SGA.

"I'm still in support of student government as their administrative adviser ... I will be working hard as election monitor for the upcoming elections," she said.

Other than the decision on Sosa-Hegarty, Rivas said she will not make any more decisions until she hears all sides at the meeting.

"I have no specifics right now, other than the complaint of the advisers not attending meetings ... I will hear their [SGA's] recommendations. This meeting ... is to decide what to do," she said.

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Tiempo Nuevo

Beca para hispanos ayuda a estudiantes de UTB/TSC

Por Blanca Esther Gómez
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Maria Guadalupe Flores, no sabía como pagar sus clases en este verano, pero ahora gracias al Fondo de Beca Nacional Hispana, NNSF National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, por sus siglas en inglés, ahora ya lo sabe.

Flores espera graduarse como maestra de secundaria de español y matemáticas en mayo.

Sin embargo, gracias a que ahora podrá estudiar este verano, ella podrá obtener crédito por otras clases más que le permitirán en un tiempo no muy lejano, poder impartir clases de inglés como Segundo Idioma, ESL English as Second Language, por sus siglas en inglés.

"Esto para mí significa un alivio porque actualmente estoy haciendo mi student teaching (prácticas como maestra) y no tengo mucha ayuda económica".

Como madre de tres hijas y único sostén económico de su hogar, ella considera que la beca será de gran ayuda.

Flores y otros estudiantes de UTB/TSC recibirán este 31 de marzo a McAllen, Texas para recibir becas otorgadas por el Fondo de Beca Nacional Hispana.

Maria de los Angeles Moore, estudiante de esta universidad, también recibirá la beca.

"Para mí es una ayuda muy grande e importante para seguir estudiando", dijo.

Ella trabaja actualmente como maestra suplente y estudia tiempo completo.

"Esta ayuda me servirá para pagar mis clases en verano".

Ellas no saben cual es el monto total de la ayuda económica que recibirán, pues depende de las necesidades económicas de cada caso.

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BLANCA ESTHER GÓMEZ/TIEMPO NUEVO

Maria Guadalupe Flores, estudiante de educación de UTB/TSC explica que es una satisfacción ser una de las acreedoras del Fondo de Beca Nacional Hispana en este año.

El estudiante de hoy

Por Melissa Mejía
Reportera

Nombre: Agustín Carranza
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Agustín Carranza, profesor de Reparación Automotriz.

Breves

El Ministerio Católico Universitario llevará a cabo un retiro espiritual el 27 de marzo de 1998 en el Newman Center de las 6:30 p.m. a las 9:30 p.m. Se impartirán los sacramentos de confesión, comunión y unción de los enfermos.
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Se integra asociación de traductores

Por Irma A. Peña
Reportera

El pasado viernes seis de marzo, se llevó a cabo una reunión para celebrar el primer encuentro oficial de la Sociedad de Interpretes y Traductores Universitarios de UTB/TSC, UTIS, University Translators and Interpreters Society, por sus siglas en inglés.

Dicha celebración se realizó en casa de José L. Varela-Ibarra, mentor de la ciudad organización y profesor de traducción e interpretación en el campus.

La asociación contó además con la asistencia de Jorge Green Haie, profesor del departamento de Lenguas Modernas y Anna Cadden, instructora de interpretación a nivel posgrado en la universidad.

Ignacio Rodríguez, secretario de UTIS, afirmó que la asociación tiene como objetivo fungir como una agrupación de intérpretes y traductores al

servicio de ocasiones especiales de la universidad.

Precisó también que no se necesita tener los certificados de traducción en esta universidad ofrece para ser miembro de esta asociación.

Sin embargo, Leo Dorantes, presidente de la asociación dijo que se busca mejorar el nivel profesional del intérprete, así como el nivel académico en el campus.

Esta organización se formó en octubre de 1997 y es ahora cuando cobra fuerza en la vida universitaria, dijo Dorantes.

"Actualmente, tenemos pendiente de aprobación, el proyecto de interpretar simultáneamente por primera vez en la historia de UTB, la graduación de mayo", dijo Dorantes.

Agregó que sería un regalo de fondo sentimental para los padres, además del título universitario, así como para familiares y amigos de los graduados que no entienden inglés.

Sonia Villalón, vicepresidente de UTIS, mencionó que se busca la manera de abrirles las puertas a otras personas bilingües.

En nuestra región hay una gran comunidad hispana pero hay muchos que necesitan ayuda de otros para abrir sus puertas y hacer negocios con Hispanoamérica", dijo ella.

Agregó que Juliet García, rectora de la universidad, dijo que ya no basta ser bilingüe, hay que ser bilingüe.

Entre los asistentes se encontraban, además de los arriba mencionados, Cecilia Casco, Sal Haskouri, Andrés Coballos, quien es subsecretario de la organización y las estudiantes María de los Angeles Moore, Cristina Plata y Blanca Esther Gómez.

El departamento de Lenguas Modernas ofrece un certificado de traducción, otro de traducción y administración bilingüe y uno más de

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Tiempo Nuevo

Editorial

Se necesita apoyar más al biletismo

Con la nueva integración de la nueva Asociación de Traductores e Interpretes Universitarios, el sueldo de la rectora Juliet García de tener una universidad biletada cada día se materializa.

El departamento de Lenguas Modernas juega un papel muy importante en este biletismo que la rectora busca en la universidad, pues la educación biletada va de la mano con el programa de traducción e interpretación.

Sabemos que las clases básicas de Español son también importantes porque son parte del plan de estudios de todos los estudiantes.

Sin embargo, el semestre pasado no se ofreció ninguna clase de traducción y un total de más de 10 estudiantes tuvieron que reentrar finmas para que en este semestre de primavera se abiera la clase de Traducción Inglés y Español.

Además según un boletín publicado por el departamento de Lenguas Modernas, desde el otoño de 1995, se ofrece una especialidad (minor) en estudios de traducción, pero que en la realidad no existe.

Profesor dicta ponencia de literatura en Panamá

Por Blanca Esther Gómez
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Jorge Green Huie, profesor del departamento de Lenguas Modernas de UTB/TSC participó en el XI Congreso Internacional de Literatura que se llevó a cabo del 17 al 21 de marzo en Panamá.

Green Huie es intérprete diplomado por el Instituto de Intérpretes de Múnich de Baviera y cuenta con una maestría en lingüística y doctorado en literatura hispanoamericana de la Universidad de Colombia en Nueva York.

Dictó una ponencia titulada "La Blanca Simbólica en Poesías Profanas" que trata indirectamente sobre un libro que actualmente escribe titulado "El Lenguaje Poesítico de Rubén Darío".

"La Blanca reiterada constantemente en las prosas profanas se asocia también con ciertas relaciones intertextuales, a veces no obvias a primera lectura", dijo Green Huie en una sinopsis de su ponencia.



Green Huie ha sido locutor multilingüe de radio y televisión, lexicógrafo, folklorista y traductor; pero se conoce principalmente por sus artículos neo-estructuralistas sobre la poesía y la novela de Hispanoamérica.

"Esta conferencia fue para mí la oportunidad de tener contacto con colegas que se interesan por el mismo tema", dijo el profesor.

Solizó que le resulta también interesante el estudio de la novela y la poesía del postromanticismo.

Entre sus innovaciones académicas figuran los tres programas para el entrenamiento profesional de traductores e intérpretes de UTB/TSC.



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De izquierda a derecha, Sal Hashouri, estudiante UTB/TSC, José Varela-Ibarra, mentor de UTIS, Leo Dorantes, presidente, Cecilia Casso, estudiante, Jorge Green Huie, profesor de traducción, Ignacio Rodríguez, secretario, Sonia Villalón, vicepresidente y Anna Caddess, profesora de interpretación.

'Traducción', continuación de página 10

interpretación, pero a nivel maestría.

En este semestre de primavera del 98 se están inaugurando las clases de Traducción Legal y Traducción del Inglés al Español.

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Para obtener el certificado de traductor y administrador bilingüe se requiere acreditar un total de cinco clases.

En este caso, los estudiantes deben estar inscritos en la licenciatura de Español con una segunda especialidad en Administración de Empresas.

Por último, para obtener el certificado de interpretación a nivel maestría se requiere obtener la acreditación de un total de cuatro clases.

'Beca', continuación de página 10

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Solamente el 53 por ciento de los hispanos de 25 años cuentan con el certificado de preparatoria, comparado con el 90 por ciento que lo tienen y que no son hispanos en Estados Unidos.

Alberto Barreda, director del departamento de Asistencia Financiera dijo que desconocen el número de estudiantes que este año ganaron la beca.

"No hemos recibido aún la lista oficial de los estudiantes acreedores", dijo.

Precisó sin embargo que ellos no están en condición de proporcionar los nombres de los estudiantes que ganaron la beca este año.

"Nosotros tenemos que pedir la autorización a cada uno de ellos para saber si quieren que sean entrevistados al respecto", dijo.

Barreda agregó que, tampoco cuenta en ese momento con la lista de estudiantes que recibieron la beca el año pasado.

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